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### REQUEST FOR CONTINUED EXAMINATION (RCE) (37 C.F.R. § 1.114)

1. Applicant hereby requests continued examination, in accordance with 37 C.F.R. § 1.114, for the above identified application.

#### TIME REQUEST IS BEING MADE

2. This request is being submitted:
  - i. Prior to abandonment of the application

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## ENCLOSURES

3. Enclosed herewith is:

Other: Please enter the previously submitted amendment.

### **FEE FOR REQUEST (37 C.F.R. § 1.17(e)).**

4. This application is on behalf of other than small entity.

Continued Prosecution Request Fee: 790.00

### **FEE FOR CLAIMS**

5. The fee for claims (37 C.F.R. § 1.16(b)-(d)) has been calculated as shown below:

(Col. 1)	(Col. 2)	(Col. 3)	OTHER THAN A SMALL ENTITY
CLAIMS REMAINING AFTER AMENDMENT	HIGHEST NO. PREVIOUSLY PAID FOR	PRESENT EXTRA	RATE
TOTAL	51 - 52	= 0	x \$ 50.00 = \$ 0.00
INDEP.	1 - 3	= 0	x \$ 200.00 = \$ 0.00
FIRST PRESENTATION OF MULTIPLE DEP. CLAIM		+ \$ 360.00	= \$ 0.00
		TOTAL ADDIT. FEE	\$ 0.00

No additional fee for claims is required.

### **EXTENSION OF TIME**

6. The proceedings herein are for a patent application, and the provisions of 37 C.F.R. § 1.136(a) apply.

Applicant petitions for an extension of time, the fees for which are set out in 37 C.F.R. § 1.17(a)(1)-(4), for one month:

Fee: \$120.00

### **TOTAL FEE(S) DUE**

7. The total fees due are:

Continued Prosecution Fee (Section 1.17(e))	\$790.00
Fee(s) for additional claims (Section 1.16(b)-(d))	\$0.00
Extension of time fee (Section 1.17(a)(1)-(4))	\$120.00
Total Fee(s) Due:	\$910.00

**PAYMENT OF FEE(S) DUE**

8. Please pay the fee(s) for this continued examination application as follows:

Check is attached for the sum of \$910.00.

Please charge any required additional fee(s) for § 1.17(e), § 1.16(b)-(d) and/or § 1.17(a)(1)-(4) to Account 15-0450.

**INVENTORSHIP**

9. This application as amended names as inventors the same inventors as previously designated for the claims.

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